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Our Case No. 10923-23

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Louis B. Goode

Serial No.: To be Assigned

Filing Date: Herewith

For: APPARATUS FOR REMOVING AN  
ELONGATED STRUCTURE  
IMPLANTED IN BIOLOGICAL  
TISSUE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the current listing of claims, which begin on page 11.

**Amendments to the drawings** are not presented in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** are not presented in this paper.